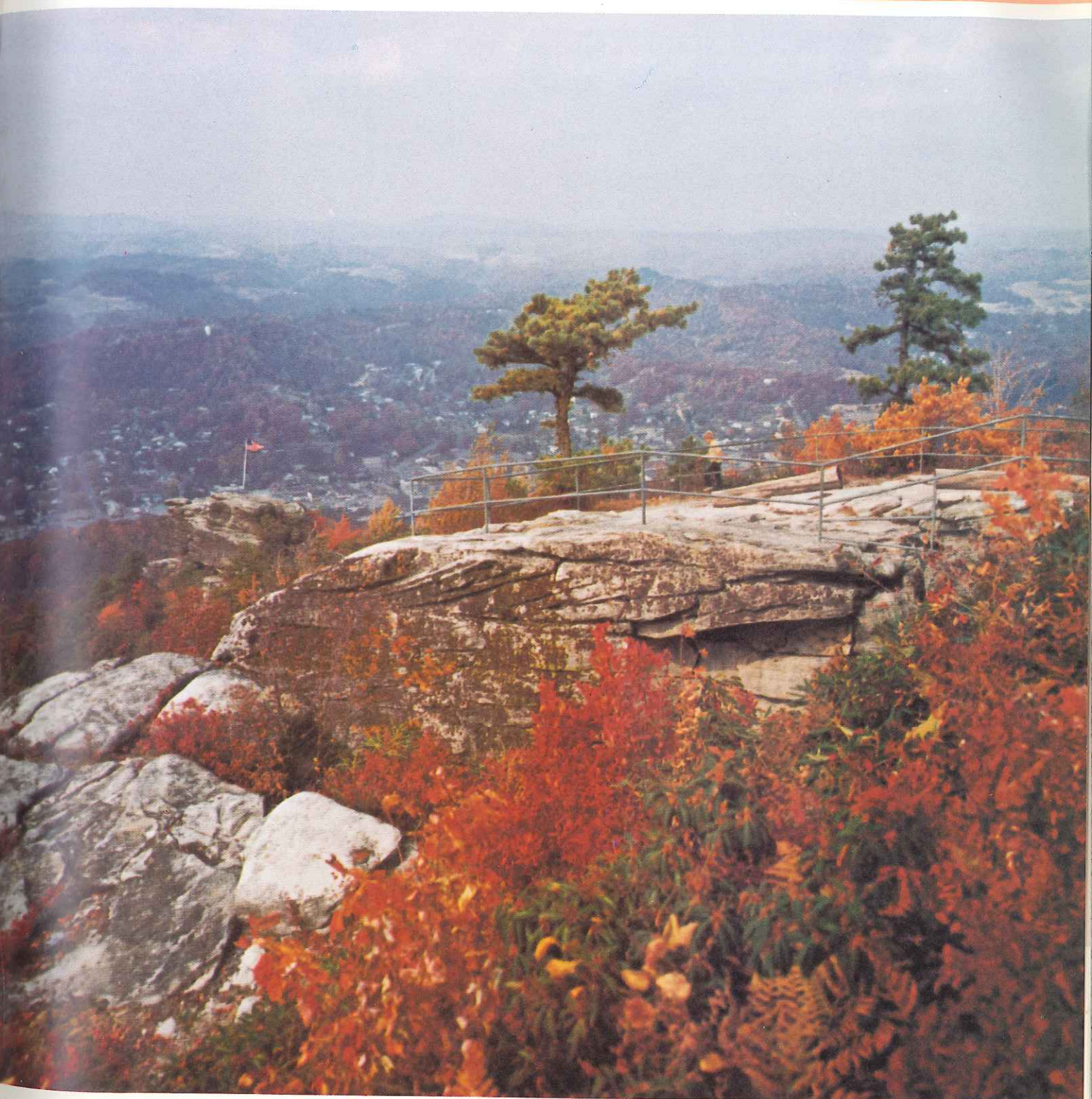


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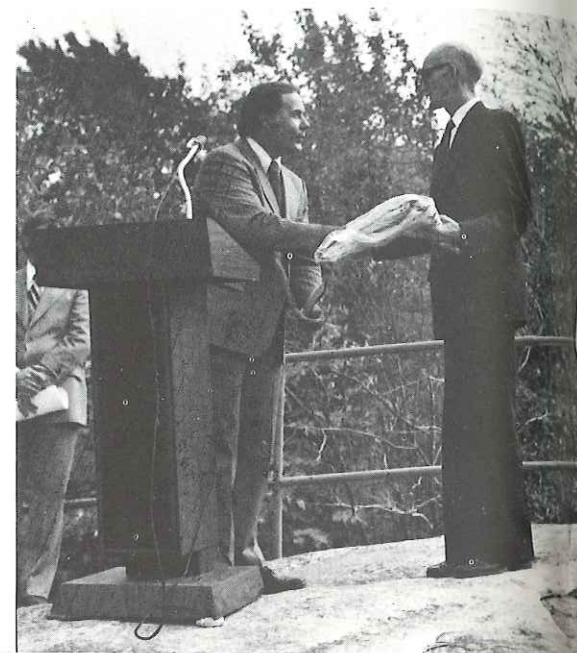
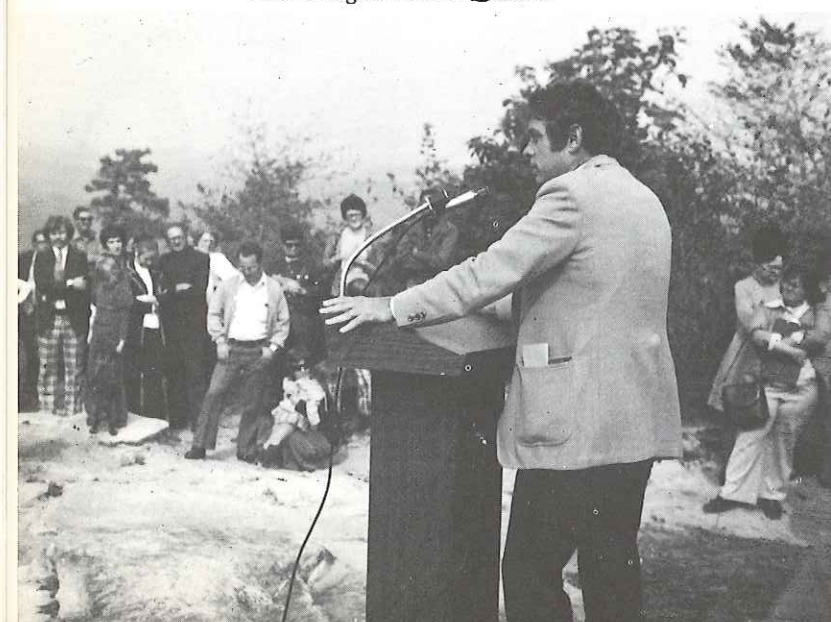


*State Delegate Orby L. Cantrell.*



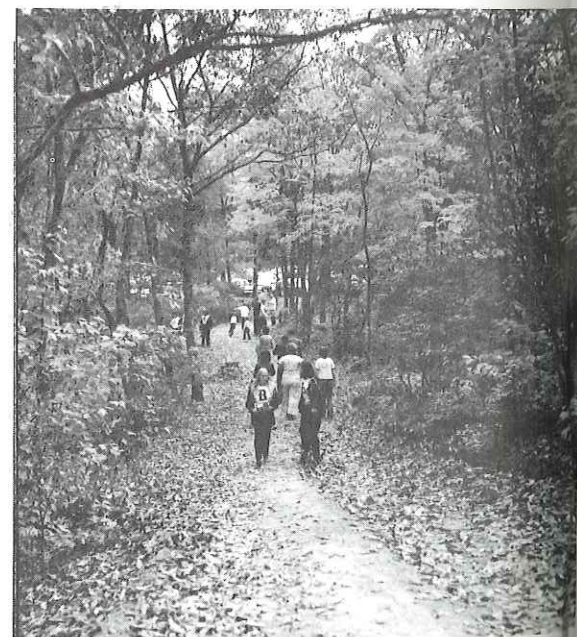
*State Senator Dr. John C. Buchanan, Jr. To the rear of the Senator is Norton City Manager Milas D. Franks.*

*State Delegate Ford C. Quillen.*



*Explorer-Adviser Linville Reed receives flag from Norton Mayor Ike P. Fulks.*

*Path to Flag Rock*



THE COVER of this issue of VIRGINIA TOWN & CITY is a photograph of Flag Rock, which is the central theme of the City of Norton's Flag Rock Recreation Area.

The magnificence of Virginia's mountain country is nowhere else displayed with greater impression upon the human eye than from Flag Rock.

Flag Rock had its beginnings in a legend of not too many years back. That legend has been carried forward by the City of Norton to create a beautiful and unique municipal park area.

The story is that in the early 1920's a German immigrant, as a patriotic gesture of love for this Nation, climbed to the top of Stone Mountain, approximately 2,000 feet above the City of Norton and there implanted an American flag.

The site became known as Flag Rock. From that time until the present, various individuals and civic

percent local funds. The project cost is \$250,000.

The Park is now in the second year of development. Pictures on this page are of the dedication ceremony on October 12, 1974. Completion is anticipated by February, 1976.

The scope of the Park is best realized through the recreational activities that will be available within it. There will be 62 trailer-tent camper sites, comfort stations, picnic shelters and nature trails. The nearby City Reservoir will provide trout fishing and have available boating facilities.

But dominating the Area will be Flag Rock itself. The visitor, who drives to the top of Stone Mountain, walks through the wooded access and then steps out across the pathway over the boulders to the flag area. He will then see a dramatic view of the great mountains of Virginia's Southwest. Below in the valley is

## FLAG ROCK

organizations have endeavored to keep a flag flying at this location. During recent years the City has assumed the responsibility.

Recognizing that they had before them a potential asset for present and future generations, the civic and government leadership of Norton set about to originate a park project around Flag Rock.

The Flag Rock Recreation Area is being developed by the City through utilization of a 75 percent State Commission of Outdoor Recreation Grant with 25

the City of Norton. Beyond, as far as the eye can see, in all directions are the ranges of the Cumberland Mountains.

Norton is the land of the "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" as the City Seal attests. Flat Rock Recreation Area is another example of projects going forward in Southwest Virginia to make use of the natural benefits and attractions of the region. It also is one of many enticements to tourists and visitors who seek recreation, history and memorable experiences.

*More Flag Rock Dedication Scenes*

